

## THESE AGENTS SEEK TO CAUSE WAR SCARES

Object Is to Increase Dividends of Their Firms and Double Price of Shares.

BY LA MARQUISE DE FONTENAY.  
AGENTS provocateurs—Anglo, provocateurs—such as the Krupp and the Deutsche Maschinen- und Waffenfabrik, of which the multi-millionaire Prince Donnersmarck is the president and chief stockholder, have been charged by the Reichstag at Berlin with employing, to create war scares at home and abroad, so as to increase the dividends of the firms concerned, and to double the price of their shares, are nothing new in politics. True, there are comparatively few commercial or industrial enterprises possessed of the means and the power to accomplish anything of a profitable character by such methods. But statements and government officials with large secret funds at their disposal have not hesitated to have recourse to provocative agencies.

Thus, history and contemporary memoirs make no secret of the fact that from 1866 until 1870, Prince Bismarck had recourse to manoeuvres of this nature, to inflame French opinion against Germany, thoroughly realizing that it would need a war of invasion declared by France, and in which France would be the first to throw down the gauntlet, in order to unite all the scores of sovereign states of Germany, for purposes of defense, thus rendering their amalgamation into the German empire, as now constituted, possible. The money which he employed for the purpose was the income of the private fortune of the ex-King of Hanover, and which he described as the reptile fund, and plenty of it was devoted to the fostering of chauvinism, that is to say, anti-German propaganda in the French press.

The Pole Berezowski, who shot at Emperor Alexander II, when driving back from Longchamp to the Tuileries with Napoleon III, in 1867, was nothing but an unconscious instrument in the hands of Bismarck's provocative agents. Bismarck feared already then, the danger to Germany of an alliance between Russia and France—a danger which has since then become a fait accompli. He believed that if an attempt were made in Paris upon the life of the Emperor, the Polish revolutionists who had found refuge in France, the Russian reigning house, the Russian government and the Russian nation would all become so prejudiced against that country as to render an alliance impossible for many years to come.

The bullets of the Pole injured no one save the horse of one of the cuirassiers. But they accomplished the object of those who had instigated poor crazy Berezowski to do the deed. For the Emperor of Russia left Paris with his sons, without any further delay, his visit having proved a complete failure from a French point of view; while if Russia refused to lift a finger in behalf of France in 1870, even diplomatically, it was owing to the remembrance of the attempt made upon the life of the Czar when in the French capital.

Agents provocateurs of the all-powerful and wealthy Pan-Hellenic secret society were responsible for the troubles in Crete, culminating in the war between Turkey and Greece, of seventeen years ago. Similar methods were used by the Pan-Slav Society of Moscow, to promote the Balkan insurrection in 1876, which forced the Russian government into a reluctant war against Turkey in 1877.

The frontiers of a number of European powers, both in Asia and Africa, have been repeatedly extended, through troubles artificially created through provocative agencies, on the further side of the border line, by military commanders desirous of such promotion, rewards, and laurels generally, as are not to be culled in the piping times of peace. Finally, those secret service officers and police, employed in political work, and more especially in the protection of rulers from assassination, have not hesitated to frequently foster, and even originate, wars between the state and against the Anointed of the Lord, through agents provocateurs, in order to secure advancement and the good will of those whom they were engaged

to safeguard. They have used these means to prove their usefulness when they thought that their positions were imperiled, also legislation of a reactionary character has been secured by means of provocative agencies, and it was only the other day that it mentioned in these letters how Lord Camden, when Viceroy at Dublin, in the closing years of the eighteenth century, had resorted to provocative agents to stir up rebellion, so as to furnish cause for the deprivation of Erin's legislative autonomy.

Of course, such methods as these are wholly discreditable and worthy of the most vigorous condemnation. But in view of the fact that they have been employed at one time or another by the statesmen at the head of Old World governments, and by those in their confidence, it is not altogether astonishing that huge industrial concerns, such as the Krupp and the Wauffenfabrik, which have large funds at their disposal for secret service purposes, should follow the example of people such as, for instance, Prince Bismarck, and foment chauvinism abroad and war scares at home, through agents provocateurs, in order to augment their dividends, and increase the value of their shares.

France's new Premier, Louis Barthou, is the most pliable and opportunist of statesmen in the contemporary public life of France, and his political evolutions and convolutions have been compared to Loie Fuller's performances. Most men high in the councils of the French nation are wedded to certain set political doctrines. But Barthou has been identified with so many of a wholly contradictory character that no one can be positive just where he really stands. The only thing certain about him is that he is first and foremost for Louis Barthou, and everything else is subordinated to this consideration.

Hailing from Pau, he is a typical Bearnais, like that Field Marshal Bernadotte who, also a native of Pau, became a marshal of France, and then wound up as King of Sweden, and as the brains of the coalition against France in the early part of the nineteenth century. Barthou started as the pangerist of the wealthy manufacturers, of the territorial magnates and capitalists, but has been ever since moving to the left, that is to say, towards radicalism and socialism, so as to keep pace with the parliamentary majority, and has been careful, in his easy and graceful oratory, to conceal the fact that he has refrained from nailing his colors to any particular mast. He has never betrayed any one, though charged with having done so, but has a knack of slipping away from close political associates when he could be of use to them, but they of no further use to him, and even the most trifling favor is likely to be refused unless he realizes that the person requesting it can really be of service to him.

Barthou has attempted literature in the shape of a compilation of Letters of Mirabeau, but with no very marked success. He is, however, a very clever collector of art bric-a-brac, historic relics, etc., and the treasures in his apartment in the Rue d'Antin would doubtless yield four times what he has paid for them if placed on sale. In fact, his appearance conveys the impression of a dilettante, and his long sensitive fingers mark the collector of art curios. What makes me believe that his collection will eventually come on to the market is that he is far from rich and needs the money.

It is probable that his Cabinet will be long lived. For inasmuch as President Poincaré has a will of his own, and is determined to avail himself of all the authority vested in his hands by the Constitution, both in foreign and domestic affairs, it is well that he should have a Prime Minister who, for the sake of remaining in office, will be willing to defer in all things to his views, and to attempt any policy of his own which might bring him into conflict with the chief magistrate. There would, naturally, be a danger of this occurring if the Premier were a man of greater independence of character and more steadfastness of principle.

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## SUNDAY SERVICES IN CITY CHURCHES

"The Servant in the House" will be the subject of the annual sermon to be preached by Rev. H. D. C. MacLachlan at Seventh Street Christian Church to-night at 8 o'clock. All those interested in this organized effort for the uplift of the community are invited. The morning subject will be "The Church Militant."

At Centenary Methodist Church to-night, the subject of Dr. William J. Young's sermon will be "Pleas for the Devil." He will also preach at the morning service. In accordance with a proclamation from the Grand Lodge, Patrick Henry Lodge, No. 115, I. O. O. F., will hold fitting ceremonies to-night in celebration of the ninety-fourth anniversary of the organization. The meeting will be held at the Christian Church, and Rev. J. M. Rowland, the pastor, will preach a special sermon. The lodge will meet at Fraternal Hall and march to the church in a body.

Rev. George W. Kemper will preach this morning at Hanover Avenue Christian Church on the subject "Christian Steadfastness." The subject to-night will be "Heavenly Recognition." A special service will be held to-night at 8 o'clock in the Church of the Covenant. Rev. Harris E. Kirk, D. D., of Baltimore, will make an address on "The Orient." To-day has been set aside by the request of the Chinese republic leaders as a day of prayer that China may become a Christian nation, and the request will have special notice.

Services to-day at Westminster Presbyterian Church will be conducted by Rev. Andrew Allen, of Farmville. Mr. Allen will also preach each day this week at 4 and 8:15 P. M. He was formerly associated with Dr. Chapman, and is said to have a marvelous knowledge of the scriptures. Rev. H. C. Combs will preach this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Colonial Place Christian Church. At Union Station Methodist Church Dr. W. Asbury Christian will preach a special sermon to Odd Fellows this morning. His subject will be, "Christ in the Order." His subject to-night will be "Renewing the Stiffole."

Regular services at First Church of Christ, Scientist, will be held this morning at 11 o'clock. The subject will be "Probation After Death." Rev. B. Lucy Hogg is holding revival services at Kanawha, N. C., and Rev. A. C. Walker will preach at both services to-day at Immanuel Baptist Church. At First Unitarian Church, Rev. Alexander D. Bowser will preach this morning on the subject "Conscience: Its Origin, Use and Education."

Under the caption "Is Christianity a Failure?" H. Clay Brookwell, of New York, will speak this afternoon at 3 o'clock in Superior Theatre. Rev. Andrew Allen, of Farmville, will address the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock on the subject "Why Do I Believe in the Bible?" The meet-

### RICHMOND CONVOCATION

Spring Meeting of Episcopal Ministers to Begin on Tuesday.

Beginning Tuesday and continuing until Thursday night, the spring meeting of the Richmond Convocation will be held in Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Henric County, with Rev. G. Peyton Craighill, of Barton Heights, presiding. Many prominent ministers will address the delegates. The program is as follows:

Tuesday, April 23.

10 A. M.—Devotional service, conducted by the Rev. F. Z. Farland, of Westhampton.

11 A. M.—Holy communion, celebrant, the dean, the Rev. G. Peyton Craighill, of Barton Heights. Convocation sermon preached by the Rev. J. W. Morris, D. D., of Monumental Church.

1:30 P. M.—Luncheon in parish hall.

3 P. M.—Business session.

4 P. M.—Service in interest of social betterment, subject, "By What Means and by What Methods of Work Can the Church Best Relate Its Forces to the Betterment of Community Social Needs." Essayist, the Rev. David H. Lewis, of Grace Church; speakers, the Rev. Morris Eagle, of Christ Church; the Rev. W. Russell Bowie, of St. Paul's Church.

7:45 P. M.—Service in interest of missions. "Convocation Missions," the Rev. Roger Tyler, of St. Mark's Church; "Diocesan Missions," the Rev. E. L. Goodwin, of Ashland; "Foreign and Domestic Missions," the Rev. W. B. Lee, of Gloucester.

Thursday, May 1.

10 A. M.—Devotional service, conducted by the Rev. W. E. Evans, D. D., of Hanover.

11 A. M.—Morning prayer; sermon by the Rev. S. O. Southall, of Hanover Courthouse.

1:30 P. M.—Luncheon at Brook Hill.

3 P. M.—Business session.

7:45 P. M.—Closing service and sermon by the Rev. J. J. Gravatt, D. D., of Holy Trinity Church.

Members of the Richmond Convocation: W. Russell Bowie, A. Vaughan Colston, G. Peyton Craighill, W. Meade Clark, J. Y. Dowman, Morris S. Eagle, F. Z. Farland, R. A. Goodwin, J. J. Gravatt, Landon R. Mason, E. E. Osgood, W. A. Peerman, J. F. Ribble, Frank A. Ridout, S. Roger Tyler, David H. Lewis, Hugh Sublett, Joseph Baker, of Westover, Va.; Giles B. B. Cook, of Matthews, Va.; Martin Johnson, of Sublett, Va.; G. K. Lawrence, of Beaver Dam, Va.; S. O. Southall, of Hanover Courthouse; W. B. Lee, of Gloucester Courthouse, and E. L. Goodwin, of Ashland.

WILL LEAVE REEDVILLE.

Professor Barnhart, Principal of High School, Tenders Resignation.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Reedville, Va., April 26.—The fact of the resignation of Professor W. W. Barnhart, for the past five years principal of the Reedville High School, became known to-day, after the regular monthly meeting of the school board, at which time it was tendered, to take effect not later than July 31. Professor Barnhart gives up his present position to enter the field elsewhere, though his plans for the next session are not definitely known.

In the fall of 1908 the Reedville High School opened its doors for the first session, under the leadership of Mr. Barnhart, with an enrollment of eighty-three pupils, twenty-nine being in the high

school department. In 1912 the school opened with an enrollment of 150 pupils, and sixty-three in the four high school courses, thus showing the rapid growth of the school in the five years which Professor Barnhart has spent with it. He has increased the efficiency, raised a spirit of enthusiasm among the pupils and patrons as well, by the organization of literary societies, athletic clubs for both boys and girls, and by having on one day each year a public field meet, to which the patrons and community at large are invited, and who show their interest by attending and offering various prizes and rewards to the several victors.

Professor Barnhart is becoming one of the foremost educators of the State, he having been elected vice-president of the State Teachers' Association, over which he presided at its recent session in Fredericksburg.

Mr. Rawlings graduated from Lawrenceville High School last session. He will leave Monday for Annapolis to take the physical examination.

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